

Enfield Unison Black Members Group (EUBMG)

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Welcome once again to our eighth EUBMG newsletter. We realise that it has been a while since our last publication. Like many of us, we all face new challenges, but we have been working behind the scenes to organise various activities in the community. Work itself presents many challenges, but without struggle, there can be no progress!

In this edition:

**Black History Walk
2020/Black History
holiday Tour!**

**Black History Month
Event October 2019**

This year we have prepared early by enlisting Charmaine Simpson of BHS to be our special guest speaker, as well as Steppaz Dancers, LeCaribe Steel band, Uptown Cuisine Caterers and others.



If there are any freelance businesses who wish to advertise in our newsletter, please see contact details below (Chair of EUBMG). Minimum charges will apply.

Answers to last edition's Questions for Our Younger Readers

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Competition:



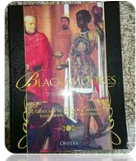
Re-posting this competition as nobody responded to it previously.

Whoever can figure out the name of this man is in with a chance to win the Cd "I Can" by Dwayne Patrick. A great way to build confidence with music for children by children.



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Recommended Reading



EUBMG book archive for members and other users, see our newsletter listings of these; (images of the books will be available for viewing shortly)

These books can be loaned out for a cost to members and other users for research and educational purposes.

Crime/Fiction:

- 1.Snake Amongst Shadows by Chimajem Ifeanyi Ezechukwu

Social Studies:

- 2.The A to Z of Parenting by Karlene Rickard

Children Books:

- 3.Kwaku and his hearing aid by Darren Meade
- 4.Tiger Hunt by Barbara Ellis
- 5.One thing about History is... Mosi meets

the inventor John Lee Love: the broken pencil by Natasha John-Baptiste

6.Daniel & Dave Go to the Barbers by Michael Williams

7.CD 'I Can' – Children's Album by Dwayne Patrick

8.The Adventures of Daniel & David, the spotty twins by B.G

9.Ready Steady Gold, Great Olympians by Zindika Kamauesi

10.Heroines of the Haitian Revolution, Tales of Victory & Valour by Christine Ru Pert-em-Hru

11 & 12.Black in Science and Mathematics workbooks 1&2 by Michael Williams

Educational:

13.Black Scientists & Inventors books 1,2,3,6,7,8 by Michael Williams (Ava Henry B1 & Jegna Robinson B7)

14.Black Women Scientists & Inventors vol 1 Book 4 by Michael Williams & Djehuti Ankh-Kheru

15.Black Inventors, crafting over 200 years of success by Keith C. Holmes

16.Black Scientists & Inventors in the UK. Millenniums of Inventions & Innovations Book 5 by Michael Williams & Manyonyi Amalemba

Inflential Female Figures:

17.Valiant Women: Profiles of African Women in Struggle (1500s - 1970s) by Zindika Kamauesi

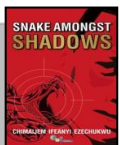
Health & Wellbeing:

18.The Inspired Diabetic by Lyndon Wissart

African History:

19.Black British History: Black Influences on British Culture (1948 - 2016) by Robin Walker, Vanika Marshall, Perry & Anthony Vaughan

20.The Blackamoors, Africans in Tudor England, their presence, status & origins by Dr. Nubia Onyeka



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21. We Were There, the African & African Caribbean and other people of colour contributions during World War 1&2 and other European wars - Launched by the Ministry of Defence and Commission for Racial Equality and endorsed by Black Poppy Rose.

your senses/imagination relate to the places you are familiar with; Tottenham, Hackney, Shoreditch and many such places. Excellent crime fiction and look forward to the next saga of snake amongst shadows.



22. Marcus Garvey speaking about Mental Slavery

Book Review By Roland Thomas



SNAKE AMONGST SHADOWS by Chimaijem Ifeanyi Ezechukwu

I believe this is Chimaijem first written work of this kind. This is one of the best crime thriller I have read in as many years, all the characters in the book have strong ROLES, and it reminded me of a bit like GOT (Games of Thrones). Once one of the main character is killed off, there is one more character to keep the storyline flowing with suspense. The location of the story was quite comforting as it makes

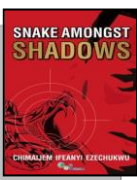
Black History Walk 2020/Black History holiday Tour!

Charmaine Simpson Chief Executive Officer of Black History Studies has been looking into Black History Holiday Tours that they offer. She has kindly researched on our behalf where such tours can take place. For example, Africa and or Europe. However, the ongoing Brexit discussions are impacting a lot of areas in Europe so getting quotes from hotels and companies have been a challenge. However, this will prepare us for tours next year.

She has researched the most cost effective tour for our group and **Amsterdam** seems the best option at the moment.

'Black Amsterdam Tour' Uncovering the hidden Black History in the Netherlands

This exciting tour explores the rich heritage of Africans in the Netherlands and their connection to Suriname in South America. With overnight accommodation included and an expert guide to accompany you, the tour highlights the contributions of the African Diaspora to Dutch society from the 16th century to the present, visiting several historically and culturally significant landmarks in Amsterdam. The tour starts in the heart of Amsterdam at the



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National Monument near Dam Square. Seeing the city from the canals is the best way to get acquainted with this historic place. While exploring the African legacies of the past and contemporary Dutch culture, we will pass several historically and culturally significant landmarks that include the West India House, Anton de Kom's House, the Anne Frank House, the Hermitage Museum and more.

Discover the history of the most famous city of the Netherlands, including how 17th-century Amsterdam became the wealthiest city in the world, with Dutch merchants scattered across the globe. The Netherlands abolished slavery on 1 July 1863 and used to be one of the important trading nations in enslaved Africans before that time. Much of the riches of Amsterdam of the Golden Age derives from trading of enslaved Africans and the trading of goods from the plantations.

The price for this tour is **£499.00** per person (based on two sharing). Single supplement available at **£560.00** per person.

Their very competitive price also includes:

- Guided Black History Tour of Amsterdam (Walking & Canal Tour)
- Museum Tour in Amsterdam to learn about the Black Presence & Colonial History in the Netherlands
- Opportunity for group discussion, debate and networking
- Opportunity to experience Amsterdam with like-minded people
- 2-night twin accommodation in centrally located 3-star hotel
- Return scheduled flights from London Gatwick Airport with Easyjet
- Free time to make your own discoveries

Dependent on the numbers, breakfast may or may not be included.

Lunch, dinner and the Amsterdam Travel Pass is NOT included in the price of this tour.

Due to changes in laws in Amsterdam, there are restrictions in place regarding the numbers we can have on a walking tour which is 20.

Should we choose such a tour, Charmaine will be travelling with us and will be available to take groups on alternative tours not included in the itinerary.

The suggested tour:

Day 1: September 2020

Meet at London Gatwick Airport to take our flight to Amsterdam.

On arrival to Amsterdam Airport Schiphol, you will purchase the Amsterdam Travel Ticket €25 which will cover unlimited travel for three days in Amsterdam (via all trams, buses, night buses, metro and ferries). We will travel via train to Amsterdam City centre where we will have lunch at a famous



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Surinamese restaurant.

Visit to the Black Archives in Amsterdam. We will undertake a guided tour of the history of Surinamese people, and Black people in the Netherlands on the basis of unique archival materials. After the tour you can view our pop-up exhibition 'Our * Tori: Stories of Surinamese in the Netherlands'.

Free time.

Day 2: September 2020

After breakfast, we will take the bus to the heart of Amsterdam to the National Monument near Dam Square. Seeing the city from the canals is the best way to get acquainted with this historic place. While exploring the African legacies of the past and contemporary Dutch culture, we will pass several historically and culturally significant landmarks that include the West India House, Anton de Kom's House, the Anne Frank House, the Hermitage Museum and more.

After the National Monument, our next stop on the tour will be on the Herengracht (Gentleman's) Canal, and visit one or two canal house museums, where we will see many representations of the African presence (Moors'

heads and sculptures) depicted in family heraldry, furniture, clothing, and artwork throughout the homes. You will also learn about the history of the wealthiest merchants who were Directors of the WIC (West India Company) or the VOC (East India Company), shareholders or owners of slave plantations in the Dutch colonies.

After the tour, we will attend a museum tour 'Black Presence & Colonial History in the Rijksmuseum' We not only experience the great artists of the Dutch Golden Age, but also explore the 'hidden history' of the 'African presence' from the Middle Ages to through the 19th Century within the museum's architecture and in the collection.

The Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam is a Netherlands national museum dedicated to arts and history. The museum is located at the Museum Square, close to the Van Gogh Museum, the Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam, and the Concertgebouw. The museum has on display 8,000 objects of art and history, from their total collection of 1 million objects from the years 1200–2000, among which are some masterpieces by Rembrandt and Johannes Vermeer.

Following our journey, we will commemorate the experience by sharing a meal at a local Afro-Dutch restaurant (optional €20–€25), or we can visit the Dappermarkt, one of the oldest and largest open markets in Amsterdam.

After the tour, there will be free time to make our own discoveries.

Day 3: September 2020

Check out.

Free time.

In the afternoon, we will meet back at our hotel for tour evaluation and feedback.

Departure from Amsterdam into London, returning home around 9pm with vivid memories of Amsterdam, with its rich cultural heritage.

Note: The above is subject to change, and is for the year 2020!



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Black History Studies

*Educating the
community to educate
themselves*

Any Other Business?

Dates for Up & Coming EUBMG Meetings

25/09/2019 CC Room 6 (5-7pm)

27/11/2019 CC Room 6 (5-7pm)

External events:

<https://www.somersethouse.org.uk/whats-on/get-up-stand-up-now>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hyde-park-african-caribbean-war-memorials-walk-tickets-59582486822?aff=ebapi&ref=eios>

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Black History Month Celebration



@ Enfield Civic Centre, Conference Room, Silver Street London Enfield EN1 3XA 19:00 – 22:00

Tuesday 29th October 2019

Jeffrey Simon of 'UpTown' Cuisine



Providing African-Caribbean style food



Steppaz Dance Group

LeCaribe Steel band



Guest Speaker

Charmaine Simpson from Black History Studies



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WE AT EUBMG HOPE TO SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2019

VENUE: ROOM 6, ENFIELD CIVIC CENTRE, SILVER STREET LONDON EN1 3XA

TIME: 17:00 – 19:00

PLEASE CONTACT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND OTHER ENQUIRIES REGARDING OUR BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT

WE ALSO APPRECIATE ANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO FURTHER EDITIONS OF OUR BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, SO IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE LIKE EXPERIENCES/ SPECIAL EVENTS/OCCASIONS/ DO LET US KNOW. OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER IS NOT DUE UNTIL JANUARY 2020, SO THERE IS ENOUGH TIME TO GET SHARE YOUR NEWS!

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